



# Disposal Guide for Central Contra Costa County

## How to Properly Dispose of Household Waste

For items not listed, call 1-800-CLEANUP or visit [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com) and [CCCRecycle.org](http://CCCRecycle.org).

| Item   | Disposal Method  | Notes   |
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| <b>Aluminum Cans</b>   | Recycle  |   |
| <b>Automotive Fluids</b> (oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, etc.)      | Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF)   | Curbside pick-up is available for motor oil; check with your garbage service  |
| <b>Batteries</b> (all kinds)   | Bring to HHWCF or to store that accepts/recycles them (locations listed at <a href="http://WasteDiversion.org">WasteDiversion.org</a> )  | Consider rechargeable batteries   |
| <b>Cat Litter</b>  | Put in trash (even the “flushable” kind)   | If you bag it, use biodegradable bags   |
| <b>Chemicals, Chemical Products</b>  | Bring to HHWCF   |   |
| <b>Cigarette Butts, Matches</b>  | Put in trash   | Be sure they are completely out and cold  |
| <b>Cleaning/Disinfecting Products</b>  | Bring to HHWCF (even “biodegradable” products)   | Do not flush down toilet  |
| <b>Condoms, Contraceptives</b>   | Put in trash   | Do not flush down toilet  |
| <b>Dental Floss</b>  | Put in trash   | Do not flush down toilet  |
| <b>Diapers (disposable)</b>  | Put in trash (even the “flushable” kind)   | Do not flush down toilet  |
| <b>Disposable Wipes</b>  | Put in trash (even the “flushable” kind)   | Do not flush down toilet  |
| <b>Drugs, Medications, Pharmaceuticals</b>                                   | Put in collection bins at: <b>Alamo Sheriff’s Substation</b> , 150 Alamo Plaza, Suite C; <b>Clayton PD</b> (6000 Heritage Tr.); <b>Concord PD</b> (1350 Galindo St.); <b>Danville PD</b> (510 La Gonda Way); <b>Martinez PD</b> (525 Henrietta St.); <b>Moraga PD</b> (329 Rheem Blvd.); <b>Orinda PD</b> (22 Orinda Way); <b>Pleasant Hill PD</b> (330 Civic Dr.); <b>San Ramon PD</b> (2401 Crow Cyn Rd.); <b>Sheriff’s Station in Martinez</b> (1980 Muir Rd.); <b>Sheriff’s Substation in Contra Costa Reg. Med. Center</b> (2500 Alhambra Ave., Martinez); <b>Walnut Creek City Hall</b> , 1666 N. Main St.   | Never flush, pour down the drain, or put in recycle cart<br><br>Transfer drugs to sealable plastic bag before putting in collection bin |
| <b>E-Waste</b> (computers, cell phones, TVs, etc.)                           | Take to: Contra Costa Transfer & Recovery Station. For more options: 1-800-750-4096; <a href="http://Earth911.org">Earth911.org</a> ; <a href="http://CCCRecycle.org">CCCRecycle.org</a> .   | Some communities offer biannual curbside collection of e-waste; check with your garbage service   |
| <b>Feminine Hygiene Products</b>   | Put in trash   | Do not flush down toilet  |
| <b>Food Waste</b>  | Put small amounts in garbage disposal (except for bones, egg shells, fats, oils, grease); or put in trash  | Can be used in compost; ( <i>Lamorinda and Walnut Creek: put in green waste cart</i> )  |
| <b>Light Bulbs--Fluorescent, including CFLs</b> (Compact Fluorescent Lights) | Bring to HHWCF (Contain minute traces of mercury)  | Check with local hardware stores for more convenient drop-off locations   |
| <b>Light Bulbs—Filament, Halogen, LED</b>                                    | Put in trash   |   |
| <b>Mercury Thermometers, Thermostats and other Mercury-Containing Items</b>  | Bring to HHWCF   | Exchange mercury fever thermometers for free digital ones at HHWCF  |
| <b>Needles, Syringes, “Sharps”</b>   | Put in sharps disposal containers & take to: <b>Alamo Sheriff’s Substation</b> , 150 Alamo Plaza, Suite C; <b>Clayton PD</b> , 6000 Heritage Tr.; <b>Concord Disposal Service</b> , 4080 Mallard Dr.; <b>Danville PD</b> , 510 La Gonda Way; <b>Lafayette Fire Station</b> , 338 Mt. Diablo Blvd; <b>Moraga Fire Station</b> , 1280 Moraga Way; <b>Mt. View San. Dist.</b> , 3800 Arthur Rd., Martinez; <b>Orinda PD</b> , 22 Orinda Way; <b>San Ramon Fire Dist.</b> , 1500 Bollinger Cyn Rd.; <b>Rossmoor-Gateway Bldg.</b> , 1001 Golden Rain Rd.; <b>Walnut Creek City Hall</b> , 1666 N. Main St.; <b>Walnut Creek Fire Station</b> , 1050 Walnut Ave; use mail-back options listed at <a href="http://Stericycle.com">Stericycle.com</a> (1-866-STERICALL) | Do not put in trash or recycle cart   |

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| Newspaper, Paper Products, Cardboard   | Recycle   | 100% pure paper products can be composted   |
| Oil, Grease, Fats (from food products)   | Put in sealable container; freeze to solidify or mix with absorbent material (such as cat litter); put in trash               | Bring large amounts (such as from turkey fryer) to HHWCF  |
| Paint (latex, oil-based), Stains, Thinners, Turpentine, Solvents, Varnish/Lacquer, Wood Preservatives, Epoxy | Bring to HHWCF; empty, dried-out containers may be put in trash   |   |
| Personal Care Products (hair color, cosmetics, etc.)   | Bring to HHWCF or put in trash  |   |
| Pesticides, Fertilizers, Weed Killers  | Bring to HHWCF  | If using reusable sprayer, pour rinse water on ground, not down drain; consider alternatives to toxic products        |
| Pet Waste  | Put in trash (consider biodegradable bags)  | Do not flush; cat waste may contain parasites harmful to aquatic life and difficult for treatment processes to remove |
| Plastic Bags   | Take back to store or put in trash  | Do not put in recycle bin   |
| Plastic Bottles  | Recycle   |   |
| Styrofoam  | Put in trash  | Call 1-877-918-8900 to recycle large quantities   |
| Tires  | Return to tire dealer   | Fees may apply  |
| Wood (treated)   | Bring to Recology Hay Rd. Landfill, (707) 678-4718; or Altamont Pass Landfill, (925) 455-7300                                 | Fees and special instructions apply   |
| Yard Waste   | Put in green waste cart; or take to Acme Landfill, Contra Costa Transfer & Recovery Station, or Walnut Creek Recycling Center | Can be composted; fees may apply  |

## RESOURCES:

- For household hazardous waste ..... **1-800-646-1431**
- For solid waste disposal:
  - Allied Waste ..... (925) 603-1144
  - Concord Disposal ..... (925) 682-9113
  - Valley Waste ..... (925) 935-8900
- Recycling Hotline ..... **1-800-750-4096**



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Hours and Location

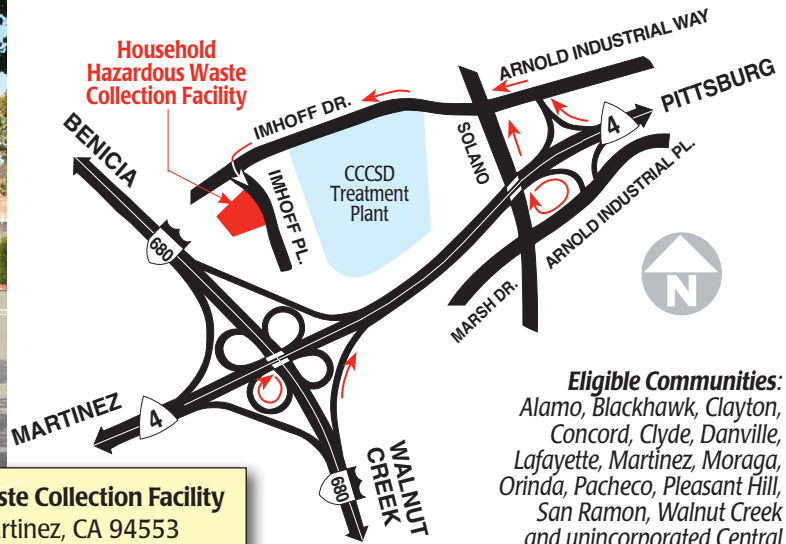
**Residents:** Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(Reuse Room closes at 3:30 p.m.)

**Businesses:** Monday – Saturday, by appointment only

**Phone:** 1-800-646-1431



**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility**  
4797 Imhoff Place, Martinez, CA 94553



**Eligible Communities:**  
Alamo, Blackhawk, Clayton, Concord, Clyde, Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, Walnut Creek and unincorporated Central County areas.

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- From Hwy. 4 take the Solano Way exit.
- From I-680 take Hwy. 4 East to Solano Way exit.